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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education & Literacy

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
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To

The Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries (Education) or
the Nodal Department for Mid-Day Meal in all States/Union Territories.

**Subject: Flexibility to the States and UTs for utilizing 5% of their Annual Work
Plan & Budget for new interventions under National Programme of
Mid-Day Meal in Schools (NP-MDMS)**

Sir/Madam

I am directed to convey the approval of the Central Government to give flexibility to the States and UTs to utilize, with the prior approval of MHRD, 5% of their Annual Work Plan & Budget for new interventions, provided they are not included under any other Central or State Schemes and there is no overlapping of activities.

2. The approved funding pattern between the Centre and the States under National Programme of Mid-Day Meal in Schools(NP-MDMS) will also be followed for these 5% funds of Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B). Therefore, the States and UTs are required to make necessary budget provision for releasing their corresponding matching share.

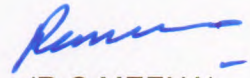
3. The States and UTs will submit their proposals for the new interventions proposed to be undertaken with 5% flexibility, in their Annual Work Plan & Budget for consideration and approval of Programme Approval Board-Mid Day Meal (PAB-MDM).

4. The activities proposed to be undertaken through the 5% flexi-funds shall not overlap the activities under the approved components of the scheme. They should rather aim at improving the effectiveness of the scheme by addressing the gaps, if any, such as supplementary nutrition over and above the existing provisions (including additional items), setting up of kitchen gardens in schools etc. The above examples are illustrative in nature and not exhaustive.

5. The States and UTs will ensure that 5% flexibility is not proposed for creation of capital assets such as construction of kitchen-cum-stores, dining halls, procurement/replacement of kitchen devices etc.

6. All States and UTs are requested to disseminate the above revisions to all concerned.

Yours faithfully



(R C MEENA)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

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